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Applicant : Creamer, et al.  
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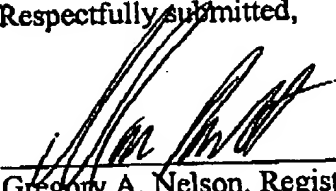
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response to Office Action. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the office action mailed November 1, 2005 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

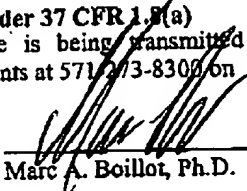
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